

WICOMICO COUNTY 2004 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Number of Farms	684	624	512
Average Size (acres)	133	148	173
Land in Farms (acres)	91,254	92,057	88,470
<i>Livestock Inventory</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Cattle	1,526	2,027	2,986
Hogs	12,208	3,669	708
Sheep	225	310	469
<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> ¹			
All Products (\$1,000)			174,594
Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)			147,281
Nursery & Greenhouse (\$1,000)			13,594
Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)			7,534
<i>Demographic Data</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Average Age of Operator	52.8	54.1	54.9
Percent Female Operators	10.5	12.7	13.7
<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
Number of Equine Places			650
Equine Inventory			2,260
Value of Equine Inventory			\$9,860,000

<i>Crop Production Acres</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	8	<i>Soybeans</i>	7
<i>Barley</i>	12	<i>Vegetables</i>	5
<i>Forage</i>	18	<i>Wheat</i>	11

<i>Livestock & Poultry Inventories</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	11	<i>Milk Cows</i>	17
<i>Broilers</i>	1	<i>Sheep</i>	12
<i>Hogs</i>	12		

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	2002	24,600	61.2	1,505,300
	2003	22,800	125.3	2,856,800
	2004	23,300	156.5	3,645,900
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	2002	*	*	*
	2003	*	*	*
	2004	*	*	*
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	2002	26,400	21.5	567,300
	2003	25,000	40.5	1,013,500
	2004	26,300	41.9	1,103,100
<i>Wheat (bushels)</i>	2002	5,200	63.5	330,300
	2003	3,300	39.4	130,000
	2004	3,200	57.5	184,128
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	2002	2,700	2.5	6,700
	2003	1,900	2.4	4,600
	2004	1,600	2.5	4,000
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	2002	*	*	*
	2003	*	*	*
	2004	*	*	*

* Acreage too small to publish.

	2002	2003	2004
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$53.91	\$58.56	\$65.74

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